

AMERICA'S VETERAN SOLDIERS

Decoration Day Sacred; Essential to the Perpetuity of This Government—What Official Records Show Concerning Rapidly Thinning Ranks

On this day there can be no theme more pertinent to this "America's Veterans Day" than the thought of the American people, on this day to this theme or they should be viewed from that standpoint to which a consideration of the theme "America's Veterans Day" must inevitably place us. For this day is by our nation dedicated, consecrated to the American Veterans.

Out in the old cemeteries may be found many marble slabs or more pretentious monuments set by loving hearts to mark the last earthly resting place of some loved one gone before, bearing these words "Sacred to the Memory of." To those friends who were in any way connected with the placing of such memorials, at least, the use of such stones for any other purpose would seem like sacrilege as indeed it would be. Decoration Day is sacred to the memory of this nation's veteran soldiers and the devotion of this day to other purposes to the exclusion of expression of honor and gratitude to the nation's soldier heroes would be rank sacrilege.

It seems essential to the perpetuity of this government that the sanctity of this day be impressed upon the people of this nation and especially upon the younger and on coming generations.

It is by holding sacred material things of time and place that humanity learns reverence for the Divine and the Eternal verities and so finds its way into the presence of God who dwells in the heart.

Without reverence, without times or places or objects held sacred, men drift from ordered government to anarchy where greed and avarice and lust, grow strong and lead on to war and desolation and carnage.

These words of ex-president Taft should be carefully considered by all the people of this nation:

It is the solemn contemplation of what the civil war and its consequences really meant in the history of our country that makes Memorial day's celebration most valuable. It is religious regard for the pillars of popular government, for the principle of liberty regulated by law, for the preservation of popular representative institutions, which this day's ceremonies should consecrate and strengthen. On this day it is the high duty of all the people to revitalize their love of their country and renew their devotion to the limitations of its constitution which have made it permanent and useful to the people and to reject with stern and final force all the suggestions of change in those principles which it has cost centuries of struggle and blood to secure and maintain.

We should feel with Henry Van Dyke the sentiment expressed in these lines:

Count not the cost of honor to the dead. The tribute that a mighty nation pays To those who loved her well in former days Means more than gratitude for glorious deeds. For every noble man that she has bred Lives in the bronze and marble that we raise. Immortalized by art's immortal praise To lead our sons as he our fathers led. These monuments of manhood strong and high Do more than forts or battle ships to keep Our dear-bought liberty. They fortify The heart of youth with valor wise and deep. They build eternal bulwarks and command Immortal hosts to guard our native land.

There is a special significance in this Memorial Day and the days that are to follow it in succeeding years. National Commander Mount of the Grand Army of the Republic has called special attention to the reverse in the proportion of the living to the dead. In years gone by fifty or more comrades gathered to decorate the graves of four or five, now ten or fifteen gather to decorate the graves of fifty or more. The ranks are thinning.

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Nearly one year ago the fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Review of the Great Army of the West in the City of Washington was celebrated; how few there were left of that army of stalwart men, the victorious defenders of the Union to march again down Pennsylvania Avenue to commemorate the great event of September 1865. And how those who did participate in that Memorial Review have grown old and feeble, how they have given to the passing years their strength and vigor!

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Are they resting, waiting orders, In the blast so bleak and sore; Have they reached the outposts border—

Do they hesitate through fear: They who bore the brunt of battle, Even when our cause seemed in vain, Faced the hail of musket rattle, Will they never march again?

Time and years have told the story, Growing old, yes, growing old, Fifty years since "old glory" Rallied them, the years have told; Cease your calling, brave old bugle, Drum and fife you plead in vain; They have reached the outposts border—

They will never march again. Now they camp 'long side the river, Bugle calls are all in vain; Rains have fallen, storms have beaten, Since in strength they sprung to line;

Fifty years have told the story, Bugle calls are all in vain; Peace proclaims their crowning glory, Yet they'll never march again. The thinning ranks means a corresponding increase in the low lying "tents of green" over which, today the trembling hands of loyal comrades place the national emblem and loving hearts bring flowers, at once tributes of affection and symbols of the life beautiful and perfected into which we believe their souls have entered. They have marched on to a greater victory, the Eternal Victory of Life.

"On Fame's Eternal camping ground, Their silent tents are spread, And Glory guards with solemn round The Bivouac of the dead."

Their glory may never be taken from them, it is writ large on the pages of the World's history, it is recorded by the broken shackles of a race who once the slaves of a nation are today citizens enjoying equal rights, privileges and opportunities with all other citizens, and is engrossed on the scroll of time in the record of fifty years of peace, prosperity and progress for this nation.

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What they have done is or should be known by every school boy and girl in this land. That teacher or school that fails to instill into the minds of pupils not merely the bare historical facts of the Civil War, but as well the deep significance of the cause of that war and what was accomplished by it, fails to measure up to the standard of true American education however proficient in the liberal arts and literary and scientific lines.

Let it never be forgotten as long as the Stars and Stripes waves over this land as our National Emblem, (to be waved through all time), that the soldiers who fought under "Old Glory" in the sixties fought not for money, not for conquest, not at the behest of arrogant and conceited demagogues who usurped the authority, that

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HARD LINES

Stranger Badly Bruised and Wounded—Found Near Home of W. A. Blake Sunday Morning—Taken to Wauseon Hospital—Will Recover Claims Home in California.

Last Sunday morning at about three o'clock members of the household of W. A. Blake, residing just West of town were aroused by calls for help, upon investigating a man was found lying near the house who had been severely injured; he seemed to be in a serious condition and claimed to have been thrown from a passing train on the New York Central Railroad by comrades with whom he had been stealing a ride West. Doctor Clark Campbell was called by the Blakes and came to take the man to the hospital where his injuries were attended to and where he remains at the present time.

Questioned by Dr. Campbell the man stated that his name was Frank Broder, 24 years of age and that he was from the State of California, though he had not a relative in any part of the United States. He said that he had been working for a contractor in Toledo and that as his work was finished he had started to "beat his way" back to the coastland State.

Eighty-four cents in money were found in the pockets of his clothing but there was absolutely nothing about his person to identify him.

He was unable to give a very coherent account of how he received his injuries, claiming that his wounds were all received by his fall from a freight car from which his travelling companions had thrown him. Doctor Campbell found bruises on the man's back and hips which were undoubtedly caused by a fall but two deep cuts on one of his legs which required a number of stitches were evidently made by a knife or other sharp edged instrument. Broder claims that he dragged himself from the railroad up to the Blake home and called for help.

He is an ex-member of the U. S. Army and bears evidences of having served in the Philippine Islands. There is no doubt as to his recovery as wounds while severe were none of them vital.

As this stranger regains his strength more reliable information concerning him may be ascertained.

SOLDIERS RELIEF COMMITTEE. At a regular meeting of the S. S. R. Committee, held at the court house Monday May 29th, 1916, a motion per-vailed that the committee from and after this date, meet every six months.

Chas. F. Handy, Pres. V. W. Weeks, Sec'y.

Use Hanford's Balm in cases of gangrene to cleanse the sore.

Antidote for Mosquitoes. For mosquito bites, a bee-sting or ivy poisoning, apply Hanford's Balm of Myrrh. It takes the poison out and cool the inflamed skin.

K. OF P. MEMORIAL

Sunday June 4th has been designated by Wauseon Lodge No. 150 Knights of Pythias as the date of their Annual Memorial Day. All members and friends of the Lodge who have flowers to donate for the purpose of decorating the graves of deceased members are asked to kindly bring or send such floral gifts to the Castle Hall on Sunday morning.

Following the custom of former years the ladies of Wauseon Temple Pythian Sisters will join with the Knights in the observance of memorial day and will decorate the graves of deceased members of that order.

Promptly at 9:30 o'clock Sunday morning Knights will gather at the Castle Hall and proceed to Pettisville cemetery where graves will be decorated and an address delivered by F. L. Huber.

At one o'clock p. m. the members of the Lodge and Temple will meet in Castle Hall and proceed to Wauseon cemetery where graves will be decorated and an address delivered by Rev. W. C. Schafer.

ALUMNI BANQUET. The annual Wauseon High School Alumni Banquet held last Friday evening in the City Hall was attended by two hundred people. The usual feast was enjoyed by the members of the Alumni Association and their guests. Mr. Stilson, representative of the Gleasons organization gave an address to the Class of 1916 and a fine musical program was enjoyed.

Election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Janette Stotzer; Vice President, Lloyd Sharp; Secretary, Margaret Howard; Treasurer, Lola Knapp Executive Committee, Howard McClarren, Lillian Strong Johnson, Arthur Flory, Esther Taft, Rose Biery; Nominating Committee, 1917, Elsie D. Smallman, Zona C. Ham and Walter C. Disbrow.

HENRY PENROD. Mr. Henry Penrod passed from this life at the age of eighty years, nine months and nine days. Funeral services were held in the Christian church last Thursday and burial made in Wauseon cemetery. Rev. J. A. Wharton was the officiating minister.

Mr. Penrod was born near Dundee, Ohio, August 13, 1836. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Pennington, May 22, 1916. He came to Fulton county in 1864 and January 16th of that year was married to Rebecca Gorsuch Crowe. She died about twenty-two years ago last February. Soon after coming to this county he became a member of the Christian church and remained as such until death. The surviving children are William H. Penrod of Reid City, Michigan, Nathan Penrod of Adams, Mo., Minnie Constant of Ida and Mrs. Elizabeth Pennington of Wauseon. There are five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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CANDIDATES

Law Requires That Declaration and Certificate of Candidates For Public Office Be Filed With Clerk of Supervisors of Elections By June Eighth.

It may be of interest to those who desire to enter the Primary Election of August Eighth as candidates for public office or as precinct or district committeemen to know that the law requires all candidates who desire their names to appear on party tickets at the Primary Election in August to file declaration and certificate signed by five electors with the clerk of the Board of Deputy State Supervisors of Elections at least sixty days before the date of the election; this makes the last day for filing next Thursday June Eighth. Failure to file a declaration and certificate will exclude the name from being printed on a party ticket at the Primary Election; the only method that remains is to have name written on the ballot by the voter in which case the law requires that such candidate must have a majority over other candidates for the same office whose names are regularly printed on the ballot and that such majority must be equivalent to at least 8 per cent. of the vote cast for that office, in order to secure an election.

C. O. Eastman is the Clerk of the Board of Elections for Fulton county, the necessary papers can be obtained of him and declarations and certificates should be filed with him before Thursday, June Eighth.

The County Officers to be nominated on the party tickets at the August primary are: Representative, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Probate Judge, three Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Surveyor, District Committeemen and precinct Committeemen.

Up to the present week the following Republicans have filed the necessary papers: Albert Bonar, Albert Edgar, W. J. Harper and John Wiley for Commissioners. Davis B. Johnson for Clerk of Courts. Chas. T. Stahl for Prosecuting Attorney. A. M. Barber for Probate Judge. Chas. Snider for Sheriff. G. Scott Ross for Recorder. George Geer is the one lone Democrat who has filed his declaration as candidate for Sheriff. It would seem like good counsel to prospective candidates, to get busy and not to put off until the last minute the filing of the necessary papers.

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A BEAUTIFUL MAY WEDDING.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized at the residence of the brides mother, Mrs. L. A. Anderson, on Damascus street, Liberty Center, Ohio, Thursday May 25th at high noon when Mrs. Anderson gave her only daughter Pearl L. in marriage to Mr. Frank P. Seitz of Holgate, Ohio. At the appointed time the bride and groom attended by the brides mother entered the parlor and were joined in Holy Matrimony by the Rev. J. C. Orider pronouncing the ritual marriage service, with the ring ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The bride was beautiful in a gown of dainty blue crepe de chine and the groom was mainly in a handsome suit of gray. The bride is a popular teacher in Liberty Center schools, a graduate of Liberty Center High School and having completed the teachers training course in Defiance College has been granted a teachers life certificate. She was married on her seventh graduation anniversary day. She is a favorite in Liberty Center society. The groom is an employee of Mr. E. M. Rothenberger of Holgate as salesman in the hardware business. He is a favorite among the young business men of Holgate.

After the marriage ceremony an elaborate three course wedding dinner was served in the dining room. The happy couple left in their automobile under a shower of rice for Toledo and other points expecting to be at home to their many friends at the residence of Dr. Archer in Holgate by June 15th. The happy couple have the hearty congratulations of a host of friends. The wedding presents were numerous and valuable. The guests were: Mrs. G. M. Wright, of Toledo, Ohio; Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Haag, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tester, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Flagg, Miss Marie Leaky, Mr. A. J. Leaky, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Orider of Liberty Center, Ohio.

AWARD PRIZES FOR ART WORK IN ANNUAL BOOK. J. D. Kenyon, '17A, and O. F. Stone, '18A, Given First and Second Places Respectively.

Johnson D. Kenyon, '17A, won first prize, and Orrin F. Stone, '18A, won second prize in the annual cash competition between the art staff of the Michiganian. Prizes were given on basis of the work done in this year's book. Kenyon placed first through his four clever pages at the beginning of the class sections. Stone won second prize by excellent work on many of the departmental headings.—The Michigan Daily, Ann Arbor, Mich., May 27th, 1916.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank the kind friends and relatives who assisted us during the sickness and death of our father Henry Penrod, the minister for his consoling words, the singers for their beautiful songs and for the many beautiful floral offerings.

THE CHILDREN.

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